

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6 – 14, and 16 – 22 are presently pending. In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Elter (U. S. Patent No. 3,953,709). Claims 4, 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Elter in view of Elter-2 (U.S. Patent No. 4,021,641). Claims 8 – 14 were objected to. These claims were indicated as being allowable if rewritten or amended in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 16 – 22 were allowed.

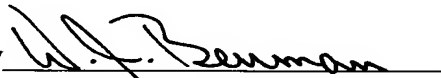
The indication of allowable subject is gratefully acknowledged. By this Amendment, Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 11 and Claim 11 has been canceled. Hence, Claims 1, 2, 4, 6 – 10 and 12 – 14 should be allowable.

Claim 8 has been presented in independent form as new Claim 44. Claims 45 – 53 track Claims 2, 4, 6, 7 and 9 – 14. Accordingly, Claims 44 – 53 should be allowable as well.

Reconsideration, allowance and passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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